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SUBJ: BILATERAL CONSULTATION WITH SOVIETS RE MARINE SCIENTIFIC
RESEARCH (MSR)

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1. US AND SOVIET DELEGATIONS MET FEB 2 TO DISCUSS ARTICLE
I (DEFINITION OF MSR). US ATTEMPTED TO DISSUADE SOVIETS
FROM INTRODUCING THEIR DEFINITION (SEE REFTEL). SOVIETS
INDICATED INTENTION TO PROCEED AND EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT
IN FINAL ANALYSIS DEFINITIONS WOULD BE NECESSARY.

2. US, ALTHOUGH INDICATING CLEARLY AN UNWILLINGNESS TO
SUPPORT ARTICLES, OFFERED FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS AS IMPROVE-
MENT: "FOR PURPOSES OF THIS CONVENTION, MARINE SCIENTIFIC
RESEARCH MEANS THOSE SCIENTIFIC STUDIES AND RELATED EXPERI-
MENTAL WORK CONDUCTED IN THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT DESIGNED TO
INCREASE MANKIND'S SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE OF THE MARINE ENVIR-
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ONMENT."

3. SOVIETS INDICATED AGREEMENT WITH ARTICLE I AND FORWARDED FOLLOWING LANGUAGE TO MOSCOW FOR INSTRUCTION: "MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE EXPLOITATION OF THE LIVING AND NONLIVING RESOURCES IN THE ECONOMIC ZONE MEANS RESEARCH WHICH SEARCHES FOR, ASSESSES, AND KEEPS UNDER SURVEILLANCE THESE RESOURCES TO PERMIT AN EVALUATION OF THEIR COMMERCIAL EXPLOITABILITY."

4. SOVIETS ALSO EXPRESSED INTEREST IN TWO OTHER FORMULATIONS OF ARTICLE 14. FORMULATIONS WOULD BE ARTICLE 14 ABOVE WITH LAST CLAUSE READING QUOTE WHICH RESULTS IN, ASSESSES...UNQUOTE OR QUOTE THE RESULTS OF WHICH CAN BE USED IN ASSESSING AND KEEPING... UNQUOTE.

5. US INDICATED IT WOULD STUDY LANGUAGE OF ARTICLE 14 OUTLINED ABOVE AND MIGHT NOT OPPOSE SOVIET INTRODUCTION OF THIS SPECIFIC LANGUAGE, BUT WOULD IN ANY CASE SPEAK STRONGLY IN OPPOSITION TO ORIGINAL SOVIET DEFINITIONS. SOVIETS HAVE AGREED NOT TO INTRODUCE ANY DEFINITION PENDING RECEIPT OF INSTRUCTIONS FROM MOSCOW WHICH THEY STATED THEY EXPECTED TUESDAY EVENING.DALE

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